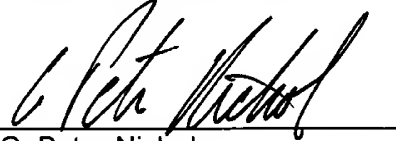


REMARKS

It is believed that all the claims are in condition to be allowed and notification to that effect is requested. If, for any reason, the Examiner feels that the above amendments and remarks do not put the claims in condition for allowance, the undersigned attorney can be reached at (312) 321-4276 to resolve any remaining issues.

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Respectfully submitted,

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